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SUBJ: LOS: MALIAN DELEGATE'S VIEWS ON GENEVA CONFERENCE

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1. POLOFF DISCUSSED UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WITH
AMBASSADOR DJIBRIL MAIGA, CHIEF OF THE LEGAL DIVISION, MALIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MALI'S DELEGATE TO GENEVA
CONFERENCE, JUNE 13 AND 22. MAIGA EXPOUNDED ON ATMOSPHERICS
OF CONFERENCE AND PROSPECTS FOR RESUMED SESSION. POLOFF REVIEWED
U.S. DETERMINATION TO WORK OUT A REALISTIC TREATY SATIS-
FACTORY TO ALL PARTIES AND LEFT FRENCH TEXT OF AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON'S MAY 22 PRESS STATEMENT AND COPY OF U.S. DELGATIONS
UNCLASSIFIED REPORT.

2. AMBASSADOR MAIGA SAID THAT U.S. DELEGATION HAD DEMONSTRATED
HELPFUL, COOPERATIVE SPIRIT THROUGHOUT GENEVA CONFERENCE. OTHER
PARTIES HAD RESPONDED IN KIND, RAISING HOPES THAT ALL MAIN ELEMENTS
OF TREATY COULD BE HAMMERED OUT IN RESUMED SESSION AND THAT FINAL
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TREATY COULD BE INITIALED N 1979. MAIN SOURCE OF DISCORD AT
GENEVA WAS COASTAL STATES, LED BY HERU BUT ENERGIZED BY SOME
OTHER LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STATES WHO WANTED TO TURN
ECONOMIC ZONE INTO EQUIVALENT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS. OTHER
BOMBHELL OF SESSION, MAIGA NOTED, WAS SOVIET PROPOSAL REGARDING
SOVEREIGNTY OVER RESOURCES IN ECONOMIC ZONE. MAIGA REGARDED
THIS PROPOSAL AS BARGAINING PLOY TO HELP SOVIETS WIN LARGER

CONTINENTAL SHELF.

3. MAIGA SAID THAT, ORDINARILY, ITS UN MISSION WOULD REPRESENT MALI AT THE RESUMED SESSION IN NEW YORK. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE SESSION IS RIGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MALI'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MAY CHOOSE TO SEND PART OF ITS SPECIAL UNGA DELEGATION EARLY TO RESUMED LOS SESSION. ITS DECISION WOULD NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE SESSION.
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